

2. The Chief Executives of the banks have been advised to pay their personal attention to the monitoring of large advances.
3. Introduction of a comprehensive and uniform grading system to indicate the health of individual advances for the purpose of their effective monitoring and follow up.
4. To keep a watch on the recovery of top sticky accounts at the board level.
5. Taking action against the officials where advances are found to have become sticky due to their negligence, inefficiency etc.

Relaxation in restrictions on Imports

3007. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India has further relaxed or propose to relax restrictions on imports with immediate effect;

(b) if so, the relaxations made so far by the Reserve Bank of India during the current year; and

(c) to what extent these relaxations have been helpful to the importers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). In the context of the country's difficult balance of payment position and significantly larger monetised deficit, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had imposed certain restrictions on imports as a short term measure aimed at containing overall demand. However, depending on the foreign exchange reserves position, various relaxations have been made from time to time. Accordingly, the restrictions like prescribed minimum cash margin and interest rate surcharge in import finance have been fully removed. The question of further relaxations, therefore, does not arise. However, the restrictions on inventory norms continue as it will help in curbing inflationary pressure in the economy besides ensuring

better management of inventory by the industry.

(c) While the relaxations indicated above have undeniably assisted importers, its precise extent is difficult to quantify.

Purchase of Arms from U.K.

3008. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.K. has offered to sell defence equipment to India;

(b) whether the Government have accepted the offer; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). Offers for sale of defence equipment, received from various countries including U.K., are evaluated from the technical and commercial angles and decisions for acquisition are taken on the basis of the merits of each case.

(c) It would not be in the interest of security to disclose specific details of such cases.

[Translation]

Drug Trafficking

3009. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have directed the State Governments to formulate a proper strategy and appoint nodal officers with appropriate levels of authority to ensure speedy disposal of cases relating to drug trafficking;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending with the States; and

(c) the effective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to control the drug trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The Central Government have been requesting the State Governments for identifying or establishing nodal agencies for proper coordination with them in drug matters. Speedy disposal of case is a separate issue which is possible only by establishing special courts under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. The responsibility of setting up of special courts is that of the State Governments.

(c) Various new and stringent legislative measures have been introduced in the recent years which resulted in discouraging drug trafficking in and through India. Some of these measures included rigorous imprisonment from 10 to 30 years, death penalty for repeat offences of some categories and trial of such offences in Special Courts for speedy disposal. Such measures also include hitting directly at the traffickers' financial assets and properties by bringing in provisions in law for freezing and forfeiture of property derived from illicit drug trade. Multi-pronged enforcement drive by various enforcement agencies have also been undertaken. Enforcement agencies concerned keep strict vigil in the matter.

Attempt to cross the line of Actual control in Jammu and Kashmir

3010. **SHRI BARE LAL JATAV:**
SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front and Pakistani Mujahids had given a call to cross the Line of actual control and enter into Jammu and Kashmir in February, 1992;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to thwart their entry;

(c) whether any such attempt was actually made by those activists;

(d) if so, the number of such activists killed/apprehended in the process: and

(e) the details of measures being taken to nullify such attempts in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e). While Government were fully aware of the call given for crossing the Line of Control on 11 February 1992 and had taken appropriate measures to prevent any violations, no attempt was made to actually cross this Line on that date. Adequate measures exist to ensure the inviolability of the Line of Control and our borders, at all times.
[English]

Aircraft Included in VIP Squadron

3011. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:**
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) The models and number of aircraft, model-wise included in the VIP squadron;

(b) whether any aircraft presently included in the VIP squadron have completed their working life and need to be replaced;

(c) Whether it is proposed to acquire more aircraft for the VIPs and VVIPs;

(d) whether suitable aircraft have been short-listed for the purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). The following IAF aircraft, earmarked for use by the VIPs have sufficient working life:

<i>Model</i>	<i>No. of aircraft</i>
HS - 748	7
B - 737	2
MI - 8	6

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.